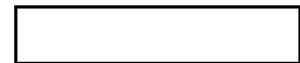


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the Board of National Estimates, 19 May,
on U-2R Export Scheme

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1. At the request of [redacted] I briefed the Board of National Estimates for something more than an hour the morning of 19 May, and answered their questions, as best I could, on the manner in which the program would proceed if approved.

2. There were no major surprises from their questions, although they did ask repeatedly for an idea of the basic reasons underlying our attempt to get this scheme underway. I responded to their questions along these lines:

a. Our basic idea was to proliferate the capability openly in certain selected countries where it might be to our mutual advantage to have a high altitude reconnaissance capability.

b. The proliferation referred to above would give us a screen behind which we could, as requirements dictated, operate missions against critical U.S. targets without increasing the general background noise level occasioned by the physical presence of U-2s.



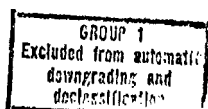
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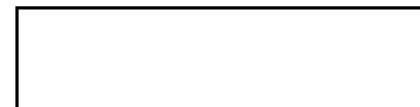
3. A list of those in attendance at the briefing was given me by [redacted] and is in the possession of [redacted] at the

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moment. I will see that he gets these to Security Staff, OSA. I would say, over-all, that the Board's reaction was a good one.



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